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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
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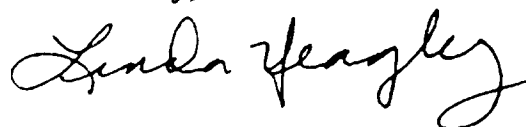
Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I can't understand why the government would want to punish Microsoft in the first place. Microsoft makes not only a huge contribution to our economy, but also to many charities as well. I know that this settlement will mean that no further action will take place at the federal level.

Considering how well the settlement answers many of the problems that its competitors had, I know that many people will accept it and choose to move on. With elements that increase interoperability between programs and let computers manufacturers choose what they want to put in, many consumers and people who depend on Microsoft products daily will be pleased. Microsoft's competitors certainly should be; they will now be better able to place their own software on Windows-based operating systems.

Microsoft has worked hard to end this case and I hope the Department of Justice works equally hard to keep it that way. I support the settlement, and look forward to seeing this case come to an end.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda Yeagley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Linda" being more prominent than the last name "Yeagley".

Linda Yeagley